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TRG-AUXCOM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, 2015

<u>Time:</u> 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: RIEMA Warehouse, 279 Danielson Pike, North Scituate

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<u>Description:</u> This class designed for those auxiliary emergency communications and groups who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety agencies. Typically, this includes amateur radio and Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT communicators, but may include other volunteer emergency communicators.

Volunteer emergency communications operators/groups using amateur radio; have been providing backup communications to public safety for nearly 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at all levels of government utilize their services. Often, amateur radio services have been used when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted. Today, nearly all the states have incorporated some level of participation by amateur radio auxiliary communication operators into their TICPs and SCIP

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and the volunteer, emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on the air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in public safety context.

Prerequisites for attendance are:

- An active FCC amateur radio license
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communication
- A desire to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment.
- Completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b These are web-based classes and can be

accessed at: http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.aspx

<u>Registration:</u> Participants <u>MUST</u> submit proof of prerequisite completion certificates and complete the online registration form. Any questions contact please contact Tom Guthlein at 401-462-7121.